

REMARKS

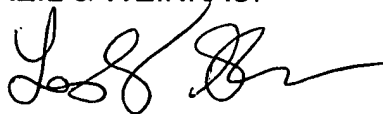
Claims 10, 11 and 13-15 are pending in this application. Claims 10-11 and 13-14 are rejected and claim 15 has been objected to. Claims 10 and 11 have been rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as anticipated by Neff (US 5,609,687). Furthermore, claims 13 and 14 have been rejected under 35 USC §103(a). However, the examiner has indicated that claim 15 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim. Accordingly, applicants herewith submit this amendment under 37 CFR §1.116(b) in order to comply with requirement of form expressly set forth in the Office Action of August 28, 2003.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants consider that the rejections of record have been obviated and respectfully solicit passage of the application to issue.

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